

REMARKS

In view of the Examiner's comments in the Final Rejection:

a. Claim 15 -- which the Examiner indicated would be allowable if rewritten to overcome rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112 and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims -- has been rewritten as recommended. In this respect, terminology as to the "open-bottom top" of the carrier of the invention has been modified, and reference to various edge surfaces have been deleted. Claims 9, 11-12 and 16-19 depend from amended Claim 15 and allowance of these claims, as well as Claim 15, are therefore respectfully requested;

b. Claims 2-7, all the remaining claims in this Application, have been canceled; and

c. Replacement FIGURES 1, 3 and 4 are presented to more clearly show the straps 22 and 24 extending through the lower section in FIGURE 1 as described in the Specification. The slots 60-62 through which the straps pass are described at Page 6, Line 26 et seq.


In view of the cancellation of Claims 2-7, it is believed that the Examiner's objections to the Drawings previously submitted and as to their omission to show padded fabric coverings or pockets are believed to be obviated.

This Application is now considered to be in condition for Allowance, which action is respectfully requested. If the Examiner should adhere to the Final Rejection, it is requested that this Amendment be entered for purposes of Appeal.

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